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BASIC-ABSTRACT:

NOVELTY - A printing system containing a lithographic printing plate performs exposing an imaging element to infrared light image-wise, developing by mounting it on a print cylinder of a printing press and applying an aqueous dampening liquid and/or ink to the imaging element, and providing a printing run length of the press, when reducing average diameter of the hydrophobic polymer particles to greater than 25%.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION - A printing system containing a lithographic printing plate comprises the steps of:

- (a) exposing a heat sensitive imaging element to infrared light image-wise;
- (b) developing by mounting it on a print cylinder of a printing press and applying an aqueous dampening liquid and/or ink to the imaging element while rotating the print cylinder; and
- (c) providing a printing run length of the press, increased with a factor of at least 5, when reducing the average particle size diameter of the hydrophobic polymer particles to more than 25%.

The imaging element is optionally present on the press before starting the image-wise exposure. The element comprises an image-forming layer on a lithographic base with a

hydrophilic surface. The image-forming layer includes hydrophobic thermoplastic polymer particles and a hydrophilic polymer binder, and optionally an infrared absorbing compound. The hydrophobic polymer particles contain more than 0.1 weight% (wt.%) of nitrogen and have an average particle size diameter of 0.015-0.150 μ m. INDEPENDENT CLAIMS are included for the following:

- (1) Lithographic printing plate suitable for use in a printing system;
- (2) Use of hydrophobic polymer particles containing more than 0.1 wt.% of nitrogen in a coating of a heat sensitive imaging element of a lithographic printing plate.

USE - For printing system.

ADVANTAGE - The printing system has higher run length, broader lithographic latitude and better scratch resistance. Chemical resistance of the printing plate material is improved. Manufacture of the printing plate is performed without producing environmental pollution. The exposed image areas have required solvent resistance. Cleaning-up of the unexposed areas is performed quickly.

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